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2015 Regular Session

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 224

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of H. Norman Saurage III

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the members of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death
3	of H. Norman Saurage III.
4	WHEREAS, the members of the legislature were saddened to learn of the passing of
5	H. Norman Saurage III, on March 7, 2015, at the age of seventy-seven, after a courageous
6	battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; and
7	WHEREAS, born on December 31, 1937, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, Mr. Saurage
8	moved to Baton Rouge with his family in 1941; while completing his elementary and high
9	school education, Mr. Saurage assisted his family with the family-owned coffee business,
10	Community Coffee Company, founded by his grandfather, Henry Norman "Cap" Saurage,
11	Sr., in Baton Rouge in 1919; and
12	WHEREAS, throughout his fifty-nine year career with Community Coffee Company,
13	Mr. Saurage worked tirelessly to build an enduring company that would serve as a resource
14	to its employees, customers, and communities; and
15	WHEREAS, Mr. Saurage was an innovative and resourceful leader of Community
16	Coffee Company; he helped pioneer products and packaging to propel the company forward
17	as the largest family-owned and operated retail coffee brand in America; and
18	WHEREAS, in 2008, the employees of Community Coffee Company honored Mr.
19	Saurage by establishing the H. Norman Saurage III, Legacy Award; this annual award was
20	created to recognize an employee for professional and personal contributions to the success
21	of the company; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2011, he authored *The Community Coffee Story*, 1919-2009, in which 2 he tells the story of the company in his own words to memorialize the ideas, efforts, and 3 successes of the people who helped establish the company; and 4 WHEREAS, throughout his well-lived life, Mr. Saurage was a man of action, and his 5 proactive stance made him a positive influence at all levels of his life; he had a passion for 6 supporting civic organizations focused on public policy, advancements in education, and 7 various nonprofit organizations; and 8 WHEREAS, he also served as a dedicated member, director, and officer in various 9 coffee industry and trade groups; and 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Saurage was a man of wisdom who used his many talents, integrity, 11 and passion to help his local community, the parish of East Baton Rouge, and the state of 12 Louisiana; and 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Saurage was the devoted husband, for fifty-seven years, of Donna 14 Maddox Saurage, and he was the proud father of Susan Saurage-Altenloh, Stephanie Saurage 15 Leijon, H. N. "Hank" Saurage, IV, Jennifer Saurage Moreland, and Matthew Saurage; he 16 was also a caring grandfather to numerous grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and 17 WHEREAS, with the death of Mr. Saurage, Louisiana has lost one of her finest 18 citizens, a deeply beloved individual who was known for his strength, intellect, and generous 19 spirit; and 20 WHEREAS, although the death of Mr. Saurage has left a tremendous void in his 21 community, his memory shall forever remain in the minds and hearts of all who knew and 22 loved him. 23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 24 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of H. Norman Saurage III; does 25 hereby record for posterity his singular contributions and outstanding achievements; and 26 does hereby express enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this extraordinary 27 man will forever bring to his family, friends, community, and state. 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 29 to the family of H. Norman Saurage III.

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